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Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Samuel M. Heinrich

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Samuel M. Heinrich.

(3) _____.

(2) Attorney Andrew R. Martin.

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Date of Interview: 07 November 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 2.

Identification of prior art discussed: All references used in the non-final rejection mailed 07/17/2007.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Samuel M. Heinrich
Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Attorney stated JP354058641A does not pertain to flange welding as described in the instant claims. Examiner stated JP354058641A describes prevention of stress accumulation with reduction or elimination of the converging of weld lines. Attorney stated JP354058641A may not be properly combinable with other references used in the rejection. Examiner stated that this reference is related to reduction of build-up of stresses and that although JP354058641A is directed to butt welds, the application of JP354058641A to stress reduction in sheet metal welding such as Applicant's Prior Art Figures 4A and 4B would have been obvious at the time applicant's invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art. Attorney asked for clarification of some of the 35 USC 112 2nd rejections. Examiner stated that the welding path and crater features need further description in order to provide clear understanding.